

tion of young men and women for the Christian ministry. For two years that department was conducted very successfully, and was supported by the S. S. C. E. A couple months ago I read with a thrill of pleasure an editorial in the EVANGELIST, in which mention was made of the young brethren who enjoyed the benefits of the Theological Department at Ashland, and who are now doing such successful work at different points in the brotherhood. When we read of the successful labors of Brother Welty in the College canvass, Brother Byers at Ashland, Brother Darling at Rosedale, Brother Grisso at North Liberty, and others, every S. S. C. E. that sent its remittance for the Theological Chair, and every brother and sister who has paid pledge money for the same, has a right to feel gratified, for through your efforts as well as the efficient labor of brother J. Allen Miller, these men have been more thoroughly qualified for their work.

But if Ashland College should pass from our hands, and its Theological Chair be ours no more, shall the work of preparing or educating our young men for the ministry cease? No. We rejoice that it has not ceased. The work is still going on, though not at Ashland. Almost as many young men as were either year under Brother Miller's training, have this year been under the tutorage of brother W. C. Perry at North Manchester, Ind. Brother Perry is too well known for it to be necessary for anything to be said as to his proficiency. A member of the Faculty at Ashland at one time, and for years a Professor at North Manchester College, Brother Perry is well qualified for the work he is now doing.

Not a cent of the pledge money and not a cent of money remitted for the Theological Chair has been used for this work, but the tuition has been paid (by vote of last year's S. S. C. E. conference) out of the Mission Funds. All Theological Funds are held sacredly in trust, with the hope of using them next year at Ashland. But since the Theological Chair at Ashland is only a means to an end, if the college should pass from our hands, and that same end be accomplished elsewhere, would you not be willing to continue to pay your pledge money that the work of Theological training go on? We trust all who have not yet responded to notices sent will yet do so.

Since my last communication, I have spent two weeks in Washington City, helping Brother Lyon in the Mission. We worked at great disadvantage, and did not at any time hold more than three consecutive services in one house. Three nights

we were crowded out of the hall we used on week nights, by dances. And just when interest deepened, and prospects brightened, we had to close, because the Lenten season was ended and the hall would be used nearly every night for dancing. There are some noble, true-hearted brethren and sisters there, and the work deserves our support and encouragement. Brother Lyon is an earnest worker, but under the circumstances, the progress of the work will necessarily be slow for a time. Brother Lyon is full of hope and faith. Let us help him by our prayers and our contributions. There is an old story of a minister who asked to borrow fifty cents of a brother, just before going into the pulpit. He gave as a reason that he could preach better if he had a little money in his pocket. Let us help Brother Lyon to preach in the same way. Where are all the pledges and subscriptions given at the conference last summer? These were more than enough to support Chicago, Washington and Dayton missions for the year. Let us keep our pledges and promises, and not let the work suffer through our failure.

While at Washington, we organized an S. S. C. E. with sister Agnes Stoddard as president. She is an earnest, intelligent, practical, consecrated woman, and will make an able president. May the Father's blessings be upon the work.

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#### OUR CHICAGO LETTER.

##### GOOD MISSION WORK.

I recently referred to the Pacific Garden Mission. On Monday night last I visited this mission by invitation of Harry Monroe, my friend, and talked a few moments for them to a congregation of over three hundred men. This mission is doing a good work. Hundreds of men are brought to Christ here yearly and not only saved but kept saved. The mission is a life-boat. It costs between six or seven thousand dollars to run this mission a year. Harry Monroe is manager and he does it right. I wish some of our folks could have attended this service and taken in the way men are reached. I met here T. F. Mackey and wife who are engaged in mission work, calling their place, "The Star of Hope," a good name. Brother Mackey and wife came to our place and held services and they were enjoyed by all.

##### OUT DOOR MEETINGS.

I have been away during the week and Duke had charge of the out door meetings. They had large congregations and are doing good work. We catch people here that we would not elsewhere and make

known our mission in a way that tells. Some of our folks frown at it and some help. No one is compelled to attend or take part, those who desire do so, and the work goes on. People outside view the work differently. One woman said, "Oh what a pack of lies," another said, "Those people are doing God's service and he will bless." This woman said right for God has blessed us. Brother Wright talked for us last Friday night. Brothers Hesse, Replogle, and Duke led service last week. Duke had a hymn-book shied at his head last week while praying. It is sometimes necessary to literally watch as well as pray.

##### A GREAT SALVATION.

Last Sunday night Brother Funk talked for us. He left home in Germany a few years ago and took to drink, went from bad to worse, until like Jonah he landed in an unexpected seaport, and like him he cried unto the Lord, found him, was healed in body and mind, and now, while not a preacher, he preaches Christ. He gave us a vivid description of his prodigal wanderings in New York and elsewhere, of his father's last prayer and the hope he had of meeting his far-away family. The story was pathetic, more than that it was true and did us all good. When men find Christ, they find some one to help. When church members come and say, "Why spend your time with such people," it makes me sad. Why did Christ spend his time trying to save the lost. Those people who would denounce his work now would denounce his person then.

##### SOUTH BEND AND FAIR VIEW.

I had long desired to visit these places and get acquainted with the brethren and sisters and did so. I preached several sermons and lectured twice and the proceeds were turned over entirely to the preacher by the sisters for the mission. The result of the talks were over twelve dollars. Brother Than Easterbrooks was with me, and preached for the brethren twice and very acceptably. Brother Furry commenced work in South Bend May 1st and will make a success of it sure. He has the confidence of the church, and under such conditions success is only a matter of time. I made my home with Brother Wm. Augustine and wife, whose hospitality is too well known to need any comment. I also met Brother Ducomb, Brother Augustine's son-in-law, whose favors are appreciated. Brother Ducomb is one of South Bend's clean lawyers and deserves the success he is having. I also enjoyed the hospitality of Brothers Wise and Meyer and met Brother Ullery and